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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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C.G.R.A. COLORADO SPRINGS

We would like to thank everyone who helped us with our show at True Colors on March 17th. It was a great success. We also had some entertainers running back and forth to the Hide and Seek for the Court Show, a special thanks to you. And of course to all who came out and supported us.

Our next General Membership Meeting is April 9th upstairs at the Exit Lounge at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to our meetings.

C.G.R.A. is going to have a car pool to Denver, to go bar hopping on April 21st. If interested, call Major at 599-7035 for more information. April 28th, we will be at the Exit Lounge "Just for Fun." All C.G.R.A. members will receive one free drink on us from 9:30 - 11:00pm. Don't forget our RODEO will be held on June 30th and July 1st, in Aurora, Colorado.

Thank you, Stan Relaford

GAY COMMUNITY ENTERS FLOAT IN PARADE COLORADO SPRINGS

That right! If you were at the St. Patricks Day Parade, and you were watching the parade instead of all those cute buns walking by, you saw the float the Gay Community of Colorado Springs entered.
It took a lot of work, There was all kinds of things to be completed to get this float in the parade. Benefit shows were held to raise money to help pay for the float. Then a place had to be donated for it to be built. And lets not forget the truck that was donated for the float to be built on. After getting the permit to enter, the real tough part came. Finding people to help build the float. Beer and snacks were also donated to help the workers continue. Of course in our comminty we have a problem with waiting to the last minute to decide to help, however friends pulled together, they were given a quick lesson in how to make paper flowers. and TAH DAH our float takes first prize!! Thanks, goes out to a lot of people, and business' who helped get this float together. I don't have a list of names, but the community thanks you very much for a very honorable, beautiful, and respectable float.
(David Eidson, editor)

UNITED COURT OF THE RISING SUN EMPIRE

Black and White Ball was a great success, thanks go out to David G. for the set, Kevin C. for decorating (our dining room) chairs for the set. Ralph Chapman and Danny Entler for protocol.(I'm starting to see why Lyda and I had so many problems getting someone to be Minister of Protocol, thats not a fun job.)to the people who built and took down the set, and thanks to Duane and Bill for setting up and taking down the sound system. A special thanks to our King Father and Queen Mother, and to everyone who attended Black and White Ball 1990.
Coming up in the month of April and May -
April 13 - ICRME Out of Town Show (Denver)
April 14 - ICRME Coronation 17 (Denver)
April 15 - ICRME Victory Brunch (Denver)
April 15 - **HAPPY EASTER**
April 20 - Show at the Exit Lounge 9pm
April 21 - Benefit show for women's softball team 'Franchise' Hour Glass 10pm
April 26 - Emperor 12 Jeff's Parents Night

at the Exit Lounge 9 pm
April 27 - P.R.13's 'Back to the Future' Show-benefit for Court's general fund - 10pm at It's Country
May 5 - Show at the Hide and Seek
May 5 - ICRME P.R. Ball (Denver)
May 6 - Court Meeting (everyone welcome) 2pm at True Colors/line meeting at 1pm
Thanks, Emperor 14 David Eidson

The Vice President Speaks

The Block Party is just around the corner, June 16th, in the Exit Lounge parking lot. We (the Board) needs your help in setting up this party. We need your groups to get together and come up with an idea for a booth. Lets show our Gay Pride and have the biggest Block Party ever. Nows the time to start planning. This will be our major issue at the upcoming Community Center meeting, so please attend the meeting and bring us your ideas. P.P.G.C.C. meeting, April 17th, 7pm Sacred Heart School 21st and Colorado Ave.

I would like to thank everyone who called and/or showed their true friendship when hearing what happened to my store. It really helped get through some of those few days afterwards. Thank you.
David Eidson
Vice-President
P.P.G.C.C.

HELPLINE 471-4429

The helpline is in need of your help. They need volunteers to give about 6-8 hours a month of their time.
Current Helpline hours are 6-9pm Monday through Friday, and 3-5pm on Saturdays. The Helpline is another great source in reaching out to our gay and lesbian friends. Please help us continue serving our community. Call 471-4429 **(471-4GAY)**

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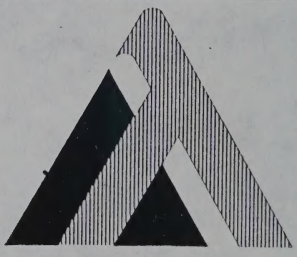
SOS / COUNT ME IN / GATERING

June 3rd is the date to save for a summer gathering to be held in a local park. This will be a pot-luck picnic. Many activities are planned, as well as leisure time-in-the-sun to celebrate the 10th year of continous meetings of this local women's support group.

About 10 years ago, "Count-me-in" was started in order to have a "safe place" for people to gather and talk. The group prospered, floundered, grew and changed. As the group evolved it became a women's discussion group and thus the name was changed to S.O.S. (Sisters of Sappho) and continues to meet weekly in a local home.

This event is open to any women in the community and will be a great way to see old friends and a chance to make new friends.
For further information call the HELPLINE 471-4429.



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APR. 28

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PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER
TREASURERS REPORT
FEB.13 TO MARCH 15,1990
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY
CHER PENNINGTON

CHECKS PAID OUT

1013	Adjustments reimbursement	
	valentines dance 2-10-90	$14.80
	publishing Gayspeak 10-89	$10.00
	David Eidson total =	$24.80
1014	Reimbursement Gayspeak 2-90	$35.37
	Gayspeak postage 2-90	$15.00
	Name tags for the Board	$20.00
	Valentine Dance (expenses)	$82.81
	David Eidson total =	$153.18
1015	S.C.O.P. Childrens Ball Donation	$25.00
1016	U.C.R.S.E. Black&White Ball Program Add	$25.00
1017	Elpaso Search and Rescue Donation	$25.00
1018	Ft,Collins Gay and Lesbian Alliance Donation	$25.00
Total Pay Outs		$277.98

DEPOSITS

Community Center Valentines Dance	$614.00
one membership	$6.00
one donation	$4.00
one memorial donation Allen Wakefield	$20.00
Gayspeak advertising	$20.00
Total Deposits	$664.00

THE NATIONAL FAMILY REGISTRY

WE ARE FAMILIES

It is the start of a new decade, and the National Family Registry is the start of a new startegy to combat homophobia. The Human Rights Campaign Fund - the largest national organization lobbying for lesbian and gay rights - created the registry to increase the visibiality of lesbian and gay families in the media, in the halls of congress and in state legislatures.

You have an important role in building national support for domestic partnership laws and changes in federal law to end discrimination against lesbian and gay relationships. In order to lobby our nation's law-makers effectively, we must disprove myths about lesbians and gay men caused by homophobia. We cannot allow far right extremists to limit the true meaning of family by their own arbitrary standards. We must proudly point to our own family tradition - stable lesbian and gay families built on love, caring, mutual respect, support and commitment. These are the qualities that best define family.

VISIBILITY

The National Family Registry needs the help of lesbian and gay families from across the country to be successful. The more families that register, the stronger our message. you may choose to remain anonymous and have your family data used in our confidential record system for statistical purposes only. We encourage families to allow HRCF to use your name when talking to law-makers. Or we can help you take your message directly to your members of congress.

WHO CAN REGISTER

The National Family Registry broadly defines family as a person's primary and most important affectional and personal support system of close relationships. Family is not limited to traditional two-person relationships. It may include any number of adults. Children should also be registered with your family.

WHAT YOUR FAMILY WILL RECEIVE

Most important, your family will know that by registering you will increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families. You will also receive a family certificate as a symbol of your commitment. Periodically, you will receive updates on lesbian and gay federal legislation which highlight action you can take to help the Human Rights Campaign Fund lobby Congress.

Yvonne
of
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JEWISH LESBIANS DAUGHTERS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS HOLD SPRING GATHERING MAY 4-6

On April 22, Jews around the world will observe Yom HaShoah, the commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, one of many acts of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. Yom HaShoah has become a worldwide day of mourning, both for the six million Jews who were murdered during World War II, and for survivors.

Children of some of those survivors will meet several days later when Jewish Lesbian Daughters of holocaust Survivors(JLDHS) hold their tenth gathering May 4-6, 1990 in New Hampshire. The group meets semiannually for a weekend of discussion, support, and networking around issues faced by children of survivors. JHDHS has become an international organization, with people from Australia and Nacaraqua in addition to its members from the United States and Canada. The membership grows each year as more Lesbian daughters of survivors learn of the existence of this unique support group.

JLDHS is for Lesbians whose parent or parents survived the Holocaust. This includes parents who were in nazi Europe or North Africa in 1933 or later and who survived death camps or in hiding, by passing as non-Jewish Lesbian partners of daughters are welcomed, and may attend workshops specifically for partners. For futher information write Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114, or call (617) 321-4254.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BILL INTRODUCED

Legislation providing for the establishment and legal recognition of domestic partnerships-including same-sex relationships-has been introduced by Assemblyman William Passannante and State Senator Franz Leichter, both Manhattan Democrats, the measure (A.9044/S.____) is the first state-wide effort to recognize such relationships since last year's Court of Appeals decision on tenant succession rights.

Under the proposal, persons would be able to file a statement of domestic partnership with their county clerk stating that: neither person is married; they share a primary residence and the common necessities of life; that they are each other's sole domestic partner; that they have agreed to be responsible for each other's welfare; and, that they agree to file a termination statement in the event the partnership is ended. A fee of up to $50 is authorized for filing statements, terminations, or amendments to a domestic partnership agreement.

The bill would also prohibit local and state governments units from using marital status as a factor in any decision, policy or practice unless they use domestic partnership in the same way. Thus, hospital visitation rights, public employee bereavement leave, public employee health care benefits, and a range of other benefits would have to be provided to domestic partners.

According to the sponosors of the bill, between 1960 and 1970 there was a 700% increase in the number of heterosexual couples living together, and an additional 300% increase between 1970 and 1980. They note that married couples now constitute 6% of all family units in the country, and that a recent California study found that about half of the lesbian and gay population have life-partners.

Prospects for passage of the bill - which is part of the New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby's 1990 legislative agenda - are uncertain. While several cities around the country have passed domestic partnership bills, voters in San Francisco narrowly defeated a measure similar to the New York proposal last year.

(Community,Alabany-New York)

PRIDEFEST "LOOK TO THE FUTURE"

On June 27,1969, the crowd gathering at the Stonewall Inn probably had no idea what was about to happen. In fact, one bar patron was later quoted as saying: "They sai we were making history, but I just wanted a cocktail." But what started out as just another N.Y.P.D. raid on just another Greenwich Village gay bar soon erupted into a full scale riot, and the gay and lesbian civil rights movement was born.

Twenty one years later, we celebrate that historic moment with Pridefest '90, Denver's celebration of lesbian and gay pride. The event seeks to promote better understanding of lesbians and gay men while celebrating the steps our community has taken towards achieving greater civil freedom.

Lesbians and gay men are a rainbow of

people, interests and ideas. This year, Pridefest is coming to you to ask your help in making this the biggest and best celebration yet.

Our theme is "Look to the Future." We hope that you and your group will be interested in being part of Pridefest. Together, we can show the state of Colorado a truly unitied community celebrating our diversity, and our future will be a very bright one.

Sincerely, Rex Fuller - Co-Chair
Linda Romero - Co-Chair

NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR GAYS WHO ARE MOVING

A new toll free number has been established to provide free and confidential information for Gay Men and Lesbians who are relocating from one city to another. Many Gay Men and Lesbians feel more comfortable working with a Realtor who understands their needs. Gay Men and Lesbians will be referred to a Realtor familiar with the local gay community in any particular metropolitan area by calling 1-800-673-9093. The line will operate from 8am - 11pm EST, every day.

While promoting gay business, callers will also be helping to fight AIDS because 10% of the commissions generated through the use of this line will be donated to a national organization dedicated to fighting AIDS. Callers can even request that a contribution be made to a specific organization.

For additional information, contact Steven Kopstein (202) 337-5911.

PARENTS GET LIFE FOR TORTURE DEATH OF "GAY" FOURYEAR OLD

A four-year-old-boy was tortured to death by his mother, Alicia Abraham, and her live-in boy friend, Johnny Campbell, because Campbell thought the child and his brother were homosexual.

The murder victim, four-year-old Lattie McGee, was tortured unrelentingly for more than two and a half months before he died in August 1987. In addition to being kept tied up in a dark closet for days at a time, Lattie and his five-year-old brother, Cornelius, were beaten with tree limbs, belts and fists; were stabbed with pins and needles; were burned with an electric iron and cigarettes; were scalded with boiling water; and were starved for as long as a week at a time.

Said Campbell,"I saw what they were doing. They were doing things like swishing their butts and screaming like little girls and snapping their fingers. I wanted to put him in the cupboard so he wouldn't do these things. I figured that the pin holes would make him stop."

The night preceding his death, Lattie was bound and hung upsidedown in a closet with potato peels taped over his eyes. On the following day, Campbell took the boy down. Lattie begged for water, but Campbell told Lattie to be a man and get it for himself. When Lattie faltered, Campbell struck him in the head, killing him. The autopsy revealed that Lattie's pelvis had been broken several days before his death and two of his ribs had been broken several weeks earlier. At the time of his death, Lattie weighed only 26 pounds, less than half of the normal weight for a four-year-old, and his body was covered head to foot with infected wounds that would have lead to his death in a short time.

Neighbors in Chicago's mostly black middle class South Shore had noticed that the children were not let out to play, and frequently, they had heard screams coming from the children's apartment. None of the neighbors reported the screams to authorities. After Campbell's fatal blow had struck Lattie, his mother noticed that he was not moving and she called an ambulance.

During their trial, both Johnny Campbell and Alicia Abraham attemped to avoid responsibility for their brutal crimes. Campbell pleaded guilty to charges on December 1989, but claimed that he was mentally ill and could not distinguish right from wrong. Abraham claimed that she did not actually take part in the torture and murder. She was found guilty of murder January 11, 1990.

In a sentencing hearings held February 15, 1990, Circuit Judge Michael B. Getty said that he would like to have sentenced them to death for "the vicious, brutally sadistic torture and murder," but he could not because the death penalty is illegal in Illinois. Both were sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.

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LARGEST GAY ORGANIZATION IN THE U.S. CHALLENGES BUSH ON AIDS BUDGET

WASHINGTON, DC (January 30, 1990) The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay and AIDS political organization, today called for over $3 billion in federal AIDS spending for fiscal 1991.

The organization's executive director, Tim McFeeley, was sharply critical of President Bush's Budget proposal, which included only $1.7 billion for AIDS programs. "Unfortunately, the Administration is running away from the facts on AIDS. Wishful thinking and nickels dimes are not going to address the real needs of people with AIDS." McFeeley stated.

"The number of AIDS cases in the United States will double in the next 15 months, yet the Administration offers a mere 7 percent increase in overall funding. Even more shocking is their proposal to cut $40 million from the funds used to provide services to individuals with AIDS. There is no justification for this kind of abandonment," McFeeley stated.

"This is not the time to put the brakes on AIDS spending, just as our investment in research is beginning to pay off. We must continue to increase research, so that scientists can explore every avenue opened up by the research done so far," McFeeley said.

McFeeley challenged the assumption that the government is spending too much on AIDS, stating that "even the National Commission on AIDS in their December report to the President called for substantial increase in federal funding." The Commission's report indicated that the U.S. would need to allocate between $2.5 billion and $15 billion to AIDS programs within the next two years.

"We support greater spending on research into AIDS, cancer, heart disease and all of America's health care priorities. Spending on health care produces results that expand the whole world's knowledge base and our ability to effectively combat disease," McFeeley stated. "At a time when billions are spent on one B-2 bomber, it is simple nonsense to suggest that America's health care needs cannot be met," he said.

"AIDS is a communcable disease, and the potential expansion of the AIDS virus cannot be ignored. The government's failure to spend adequate funds on education, research and treatment today will bring an even more substantial expense down the line," McFeeley said.

Stephen Smith, HRCF legislative director, called the President's proposal "completely inadequate" to the growing needs. Smith pointed to the federal government's findings on treatment as requiring significant new funds. "In August, the federal government recommended AZT treatment for hundreds of thousands of infected people who have not yet shown serious symptons," Smith said.

"If we don't find the money to provide thet treatment, we will pay far higher costs down the road as people become disabled, stop working, and need hospital care. The President's budget provides no new funds for treatment. It is penny-wise and pound-foolish," Smith continued.

The $3 billion figure supported by the Human Rights Campaign Fund was developed by the National Orgnizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition, of which HRCF is a member.

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Lots of children out there beat up beat down hoping - For a home and a harbor, a hand that doesn't hit - Where the form said father and mother we had to cross it out - Father and Father that's David and me.

Twelve months of waiting, suddenly two little boys on our doorstep - Scared and crying, gave them a bath and tucked them in - Three-year-old jamie, little brother Scott - Jamie had a bruise like a boot in the middle of his back.

Chorus:
Love is love no matter who no matter where - Love is love and a child knows when it's there - They can pry away the fingers that graced these walls with dirt - they can pull us apart they can lie oh they can hurt - But love leaves a trace and the heart holds a place for love's return.

McDonald's and K-mart - do you know how hard it is to find kid's shoes?

Scott's first haircut, grinning and a little confused - Outside the aquarium baseball jackets red and blue - A picture is like time that's standing still.

Jamie was a scrapper, he punched his brother, decked the kid next door - He threw a plate at David then ducked and cowered waiting for the blow - After supper I held him close, "You're safe here, this is your home." And the rains came to the parched and broken earth. But the papers smelled the headlines - gay parents, two little innocent boys - TV news on the front porch, politicians made a lot of noise - Liberal governor he gave the order - Social worker phoned, "Have them ready by Three." Picked Jamie up at daycare, kids were running shouting as they played - We didn't want to tell him, maybe the governor could have explained - Jamie was screaming when we strapped him in the welfare car - David said "We love you" and they were gone. You find out who your friends are, some came round some just let it go - Rallies on common people singing people saying no - This is crazy - but Scott and jamie - Are still pinballs in a busted machine.

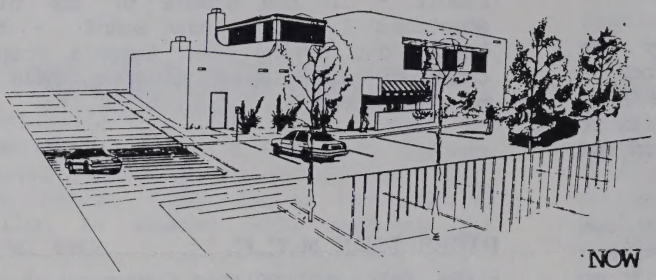
The kitchen's clean and quiet, we changed the furnture around - Still keep Scott's rabbit - in the middle of the night sometimes I wake to the sound - Of a little one crying when there's nothing there at all - David holds me, says "Go back to sleep."

Chorus.

PIKES PEAK M.C.C.

Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church will host the Spring Mid-Central District Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, May 24 - 27, at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel. The theme for the Conference is "Celebrate Life!" (John 10:10). The Mid-Central District comprises 10 states, organized into 20 congregations. Some 100 plus delegates and visitors will be in attendance.

To fully participate in the Conference, a $40.00 registration fee is charged, which includes the Thursday evening Reception and Saturday evening Dinner and Show at The Iron Springs Chateau. The Worship services are open to all, free of charge. Colorado Springs area people are especially invited to the Sunday (10am) Worship service at the hotel, and the Sunday evening Worship, (5pm) at 730 North Tejon Street. For more information, and registration forms call 634-3771.



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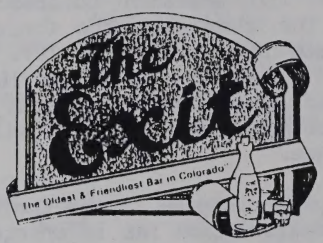

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